

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:709

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HIRING OF GODOWNS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and storage capacity of private godowns hired by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other public agencies during each of the last three years and the current year along with the rent paid therefor and the norms followed for hiring the said godowns, State-wise;

(b) whether any action was taken to ensure reduction in rent at the time of hiring of these godowns;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the storage capacity proposed/likely to be hired during the ensuing year along with the rent to be paid therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The number and capacity of covered godowns hired from private parties as on 31st March during the last three years and current year (upto 30.06.2012)are as under:-

Year	No. of covered godowns	Capacity hired (in LMT)
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2010	178	17.08
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2011	145	18.13
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2012	130	18.41
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Upto	234	24.43
30.6.2012		

The State-wise details of number of godowns and its capacity hired from various sources including private parties is given in Annexure- I & II. The rent paid by FCI for hiring of private godowns during the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount (in crores)
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2008-09	85.76
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2009-10	108.76
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2010-11	126.80
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2011-12	Accounts are yet to be finalized.
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The norms followed for hiring of godowns is at Annexure-III

(b) & (c): The godowns are hired as per operational needs by General Manager(Region) in a cost effective manner after assessing the condition/location/quality of godowns and prevalent market rent. All efforts are made to pay minimum rent. Hiring under Private Warehouse Scheme is made by floating open tender enquiry and hence, godowns are hired from the lowest bidders after fulfilling the formalities.

(d): Godowns from private parties are hired as per operational needs by the FCI. The rate of rent to be paid is also decided alongwith hiring.